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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/22/09.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 24-25, 28-29, 31-33, 35-36, 38-41 have been renumbered to 1-13 respectively.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

/CongVan Tran/
 Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2617

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claim 24, although, the prior arts disclose method of controlling the operation mode of an equalizer. However, none of them teach the controlling comprising the determining whether or not said received signal is currently accompanied by said substantially constant direct current (DC) offset component; calculating desired spectral response for said equalizer using at least a portion of said field synchronizing signal as a training signal, in response to it being determined that the direct current (DC) level said received signal is currently accompanied by said substantially constant direct current (DC) offset component; establishing desired spectral response for said equalizer other than from calculations using at least a portion of said field synchronizing signal as a training signal, in response to it being determined that said received signal is currently unaccompanied by said substantially constant direct current (DC) offset component as specifically described in claim.

Regarding claims 28 and 35, although, the prior arts disclose method of controlling the operation mode of an equalizer. However, none of them teach the determining of the direct current (DC) level of a received signal during an interval of time; and controlling the operating mode of the equalizer in response to the determined DC level, wherein the received signal comprises multi-level symbols representing data and a field synchronizing signal, said symbols being characterized by a DC offset and

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wherein the determining step further comprises processing the field synchronizing signal to determine the variation of the DC offset in the received signal, wherein the field synchronizing signal comprises a pseudo random number symbol sequence and wherein the processing comprises sampling a part of the pseudo random number symbol sequence as specifically described in claims.

Regarding claims 31 and 38, although, the prior arts disclose the receiver However, none of them teach the adaptive equalizer having different operating modes for responding to said received digital television signal, the operating mode of said adaptive equalizer being selected responsive to the direct current (DC) level of said received digital television signal; the receiver further characterized by being of a type in which, responsive to the amplitude of a direct component of said received signal being more than a prescribed threshold value, said adaptive equalizer is conditioned to have its amplitude-versus-frequency characteristic determined responsive to calculations using at least a portion of said field synchronizing signal as a training signal as specifically described in claims.

Claims 25, 29, 32-33, 36, and 39-41 are allowed as being dependent on independent claims 24, 28, 31, 35 and 38.

2. All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CongVan Tran whose telephone number is 571-272-7871. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Appiah can be reached on 571-272-7904. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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